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Office of Legislative Counsel

31 July 1978

Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

Along with other requests, your letter of 6 July 1978 seeks access to the Office of Personnel files of certain employees. We have some reservations about making available everything contained in these employees' files.

First, there is a variety of personal information, the revelation of which would intrude unnecessarily on the employee's privacy. Further, an Agency officer's file is more than just a compendium of his career; there is much detail on assignments, including the countries where he served, the cover used, a rather detailed description of duties, and information on a wide variety of operations which are outside our understanding of the scope of your investigation. Perhaps it would be possible for a member of my staff to discuss the specific area(s) of HSCA interest with your representative. A mutually agreeable solution should be available.

Since your investigator/researchers have had the opportunity to interview or depose employees of interest, it would appear that the above course of action would supplement whatever narrow areas the personal interview left uncovered.

Sincerely,

S. D. Breckinridge
Principal Coordinator, HSCA

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Request

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Administration
Inspector General
Special Assistant, Deputy Director
of Central Intelligence

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : Draft Letter to HSCA on Request for
O/Personnel File of Operations Officers

1. The attached draft letter is prepared as a result of a decision of the DCI at the Morning Meeting on Friday, 28 July, concerning general requests by the HSCA for access to the Official Personnel Folders of Agency employees. Some of the reasons advanced in the letter for not providing blanket access refer to classified considerations; however, these statements do not, in themselves, seem classified. If you differ, the letter can be assigned a classification.

2. Your comments would be appreciated. As this issue dates back to 6 July, your prompt attention would be helpful.

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S. D. Breckinridge

Attachment

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